

MIN 968053
By ST/VS Date 3/12/78

CONFIDENTIAL
15 NOV 70 22 08

187199

SOC 10 PAK

81B

Department of State
TELEGRAM

INDICATE:
☐ COLLECT
☐ CHARGE TO



REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy ISLAMABAD Immediate

INFO: Amconsul DACCA

JOINT STATE/AID

SUBJECT: Presidential Message on Cyclone Disaster in East
Pakistan

REFERENCE: 187185

1. Please convey following message from President Nixon to
President Yahya Khan:

QUOTE I have been deeply shocked and grieved to learn of the
cyclonic storm such
catastrophic ~~cyclonic storm~~ which has caused grave loss of life
and property in the coastal areas of East Pakistan. Please
convey to your countrymen, and especially to those of the storm-
affected area, the profound sympathy of the government and people
of the United States for the tragic losses and human suffering
wrought by this calamity. As in the past, the United States stands
ready to render whatever assistance it can in helping to bring

relief to the disaster area. UNQUOTE. We do not plan to release
text to press but would have no objection if GOP desires to do
so. However, please provide advance notice of public release

DRAFTED BY: WFSpengler DRAFTING DATE: 11/15/70 TEL. EXT. 22119 APPROVED BY: Joseph J. Sisco
NEA/PAF: WFSpengler/ASCFuller NEA: Joseph J. Sisco

CLEARANCES: NEA: Mr. Davies (phone) S/PRS- Mr. King (subst.)
S/CPR: Mr. Waters (phone)
AID/NESA: Mr. Farrar (phone)
AID/DRD: Mr. Tripp
S/S -O: MR MALONE (phone)
WHITE HOUSE: Mr. Saunders

DECLASSIFIED
PA/HO, Department of State
E.O. 12958, as amended
June 9, 2005

CONFIDENTIAL

Classification

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

NND 968053
By ST/VS Date 5/12/78



Department of State
TELEGRAM

INDICATE:

☐ COLLECT

☐ CHARGE TO

PAGE 2

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION:

1. release.

2. FYI: The President desires to be as helpful as possible in providing relief assistance in this disaster and to make most generous combined offer of help justified by the circumstances, within limit our resources, rather than responding piecemeal. (This should not deter your making appropriate initial monetary grant of up to \$25,000 under existing authority per reftel.)

Request Mission's best assessment of consolidated needs from USG as soon as practicable, based on GOP information.

3. You should bear in mind that because of Southeast Asian requirements and unusually high incidence of disasters this fiscal year, contingency and supporting assistance funds are extremely scarce and will remain so unless replenished by supplemental appropriation which has not yet been presented to Congress. PL-480 resources, which are probably those most needed in this case, are also quite tight. Nevertheless, you should report requirements as you see them per para 2 above. End FYI.

~~DISSEM~~ GP-3

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE

TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

ROGERS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification